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Denali Training Fund Quarterly Progress Report

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Certification: I certify that the information in this report is current, correct and true and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement.
Signed by: <u>Joe Parrish</u> Dated <u>4-28-10</u>

1. In a few sentences, please describe the scope of your project

The Young Alaskans Building Affordable Housing (YABAH) is a program of SAGA whose mission is: Improving Lives, Lands and Communities throughout Alaska. The program is based in Sitka, Alaska and is a 6-9 month long employability training program for young Alaskans seeking valuable education, life skills and job training. The participants work towards obtaining a GED, while learning basic construction skills in the process of building an affordable house from the ground up. During the program, participants learn important leadership and life skills.

2. Project Activities for this Reporting Period:

Describe the grant activities that happened during this report period. Include planning, advertisement and/or training performance that occurred this quarter? List any accomplishments achieved. (Attach advertisements if applicable)

During this quarterly reporting period the YABAH program completed the house, which has been the focal point of the program since March of 2009. Following the participants December 10, 2009 graduation, we retained two graduated participants (Jasper Moore and Nate Nesheim) to help with the completion of the house. Dan Evans continued as our Construction Manager, as well as Joshua Houston and David Colon - AmeriCorps Members serving in the program. These five individuals completed most of the final aspects of the construction. Electrical wiring was completed by a licensed subcontractor; plumbing was completed by a licensed subcontractor, and sheetrock work was completed by another subcontractor.

A qualified family moved into the house on April 1, 2010. That family has entered into a lease-to-buy agreement with Baranof Island Housing Authority (BIHA). BIHA has been our primary partner in the construction of the house - providing

property and materials. BIHA will retain ownership of the house and property until the family completes 5 successive years of the current lease, at which time their lease payments will serve as the down payment on the house.

Jasper Moore and Nate Nesheim have found regular employment in Sitka. Joshua Houston and David Colon completed their terms of national service on March 31, 2010. Dan Evans completed final site clean-up on April 8, 2010.

3. Scheduled Project Activities/Important Dates for next quarter: Describe your planned activities and training for next few months. Please include important dates like graduation, site visits, travel, job fairs, etc.

This is the final Denali Commission quarterly report for this program. What remains to be done is a period of documented follow-up contact with past participants, which will continue through October 2010. This will be accomplished by YABAH Guidance Counselor Eileen Sisk. Ms. Sisk is the only current employee of SAGA's YABAH program. That final activity will satisfy the final requirement of our US Dept. of Labor YouthBuild grant. SAGA does not anticipate applying for another YouthBuild grant in the near future.

4. a. How many are in your training program during this reporting period?

As stated above in Section 2, we retained two graduated participants through this reporting period.

b. How many people have been trained and/or certified to date from this grant?

(Please complete form below.)

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5. Please list complete the list by putting the community to which each individual trained is from, the type of training and certification, the graduation date and who will employ them upon completion of training.

Community where trainee lives	Type of Training/Service	Type of Certification to be earned/earned	Dates of training	Graduation Date	Employment commitment after training is complete
John Beesley; Sitka	Youth Build	GED	April 16-Dec. 11, 2009	December 10, 2009	Placement from YABAH's help
Ronny Bingham; Sitka	Youth Build	GED	April 16-Dec. 11, 2009	December 10, 2009	Placed into a job at Eagle Bay Inn, performing customer service
Kagan Cusick; Sitka	Youth Build	GED	April 16-Dec. 11, 2009	December 10, 2009	Placement from YABAH's help
Nicole Gamble; Sitka	Youth Build	GED	April 16-Dec. 11, 2009	December 10, 2009	Placement from YABAH's help
Joanne Littlefield; Sitka	Youth Build	GED	April 16-Dec. 11, 2009	December 10, 2009	Placement from YABAH's help
Jasper Moore, Sitka	Youth Build	GED	April 16-Dec. 11, 2009	December 10, 2009	Continued to work with YABAH until completion of the house - March 26, 2010
Nate Nesheim; Sitka	Youth Build	GED	April 16-Dec. 11, 2009	December 10, 2009	Continued to work with YABAH until completion of the house - March 26, 2010

David Rear; Sitka	Youth Build	GED	April 16- Dec. 11, 2009	Decem ber 10, 2009	Continuing his education with the goal of obtaining his diploma, spring 2010
Loren Sands; Sitka	Youth Build	GED	April 16- Dec. 11, 2009	Decem ber 10, 2009	Pursuing his own non-profit work
Matt Teayoumeak; Sitka	Youth Build	GED	April 16- Dec. 11, 2009	Decem ber 10, 2009	Continuing his education with the goal of obtaining his diploma, spring 2010
Mike Ward; Sitka	Youth Build	GED	April 16- Dec. 11, 2009	Decem ber 10, 2009	Placed into a job with M& D Ward Inc. in Haines, AK

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6. Please identify any problems or changes in your training project that will affect the budget, scope or timeline of the project. Is your training on schedule? What are the reasons for any difficulties or delays? Are you over budget/under budget? Have you had to change the initial scope?

Construction training continued with the 2 graduated participants – January through March. These young men were chosen by the program staff as the most likely to benefit from continued training in the finishing process of this project.

Since there was no need for further classroom-based activities, the YABAH Classroom Instructor's employment ended. The Program Manager resigned, effective January 29, 2010, which caused SAGA's Director of Programs to spend more time in

contact with the YABAH program's Construction Trainer and Guidance Counselor.

Please provide an explanation to this change and your resolution to the variance.

7. How are you or will you be evaluating the individuals being trained to ensure competency, skill level and understanding? (Testing, assessment, etc)

Final evaluation of the progress and achievements of the last two participants will be completed by the Guidance Counselor as part of the follow-up activities, with input from the last Construction Trainer.

8. Please identify areas that we can assist you in the future.